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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI, NU
SUBJECT: PROPOSED COUNTERINSURGENCY PLAN

REF: (A) MANAGUA 1716; (B) IR 6870003578; (B) MANAGUA 1663;
(D) MANAGUA 0668

1. AMCIT CONTRACT EMPLOYEES OF GON WORKING WITH THE NATIONAL GUARD (GN) (REF A) HAVE PREPARED COUNTERINSURGENCY PLAN FORWARDED UNDER COVER OF REF B. THIS DOCUMENT CONTEMPLATES "ELIMINATION" OF SUBVERSIVES, AND CROSS-BORDER OPERATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, IT INCLUDES ONE PAGE PREPARED ON LETTERHEAD STATIONERY OF US MILGP NICARAGUA, WHICH COULD LEAD READERS TO BELIEVE THERE IS A CONNECTION BETWEEN THESE INDIVIDUALS AND THE USG.

2. THE COUNTERINSURGENCY PLAN MAY HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO DATT FROM GN SOURCE TO TEST EMB REACTION. LACK OF STRONG AND PROMPT ACTION MAY BE INTERPRETED BY GN AS USG APPROVAL OR TACIT ENDORSEMENT OF ACTIVITIES CLEARLY AGAINST U.S. POLICY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IMMEDIATE AUTHORIZATION TO INFORM PRESIDENT SOMOZA (A) THAT INFORMATION HAS REACHED THE EMB THAT PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE GON FOR COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATIONS WHICH INCLUDE "ELIMINATION" OF PERSONS CONSIDERED SUBVERSIVE AND DIRECT ACTION AGAINST FSLN UNITS IN COSTA RICA; (B) THAT THE USG TAKES VERY STRONG EXCEPTION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY SUCH ACTIVITIES; AND
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(C) IF THE USG WERE TO BECOME AWARE OF ANY PREPARATIONS FOR OR EXECUTION OF ANY SUCH ACTIVITIES IT WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER TERMINATING THE USG-GON MILITARY TRAINING (IMET) RELATIONSHIP AND WITHDRAWAL OF US MILGP PERSONNEL, AND SUCH OTHER ACTION THAT MY BE NECESSARY.
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